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Team Framingham 2016 Boston Marathon Fundraising Charities Announced

Assistant Town Manager Jim Duane and Board of Selectmen Vice Chair Michael Bower today announced the names of the six local organizations chosen by the members of the Board of Selectmen and the Chief of Police to participate in the Team Framingham fundraising for the 2016 Boston Marathon.

The organizations selected are as follows:

Art beCAUSE Breast Cancer Foundation (Chief Fergusen)
Framingham High School Foundation (Michael Bower)
Framingham History Center (Charlie Sisitsky)
Friends of the Callahan Senior Center (Laurie Lee)
Resiliency for Life (Jason Smith)
Voices Against Violence (Cheryl Tully Stoll)

It is expected that the Town of Framingham will receive a minimum of 22 invitational entries from the Boston Athletic Association for the April 18, 2016 running of the Boston Marathon. The official BAA commitment will be announced on November 5th.

The lucky runners selected by random selection will be expected to raise a minimum of \$1500 for one of these six organizations, with a fundraising target of \$2500. Runners will choose the charity they wish to run for, with a minimum of two runners per charity guaranteed.

"The Team Framingham Boston Marathon program has been extraordinarily successful these past two years. Our Team Framingham runners have raised more than \$113,000 for local charities. 46 of our 47 Team Framingham runners have successfully completed the grueling 26.2 mile Boston Marathon course. We expect a high level of interest in the community and among town employees for a coveted invitational entry for the 2016 Boston Marathon" stated Selectman Bower.

Applications for runners interested in participating in the random selection for these invitational entries are now available on the Town of Framingham web-site for downloading or at the Board of Selectmen Office in the Memorial Building. The application deadline is **Monday November 30 at 4 pm**.

http://www.framinghamma.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1073

The random selection will take place on **Monday December 7** at 7 p.m. in the Ablondi Room at the Framingham Town Hall. It will be open to the public.

Submissions of completed applications can be made via email to MarathonBibs@framinghamma.gov or by drop off or US mail to the Board of Selectmen, Marathon Bibs, 150 Concord St., Memorial Building, Framingham MA, 01702.

Inquiries or questions can be sent to <u>MarathonBibs@framinghamma.gov</u>.